

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/647,230
Amendment filed June 16, 2005
Reply to OA dated March 25, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. An amendment is proposed amending claim 1 and canceling claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 and 3-6 will be pending. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the final Office Action dated **March 25, 2005**.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in original claim 2.

Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shiue et al. (USPN 5,846,269). (Office action paragraphs no. 2 and 5)

The rejection is overcome by the amendment to claim 1, incorporating the limitation of claim 2. Claim 1, as amended, thereby has the scope of claim 2 before this amendment, and claim 2 has accordingly been canceled. The Examiner indicated in paragraph no. 4 of the Office action that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claim 1, as amended, has the scope of claim 2 rewritten in independent form. Claims 4-6 depend from claim 1 and therefore should also be allowable.

Claim 3 is allowed. (Office action paragraph no. 3)

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Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office action paragraph no. 4)

As noted above, claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended claim 1 has the scope of claim 2 before this amendment.

Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

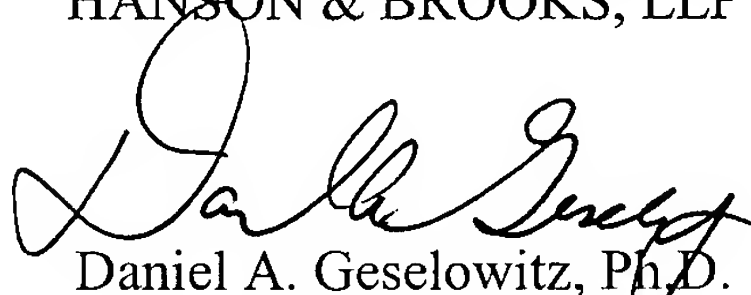
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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